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SPEECH BY DR WAN SOON BEE, MINISTER OF STATE
(PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE), AT THE BIRD SINGING CONTEST
PRIZE PRESENTATION ORGANISED BY THE WEST COAST CCMC
AT THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF BLOCK 721, CLEMENTI
WEST STREET 2 ON SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1985 AT 11.45 AM

I am very happy to see such an enthusiastic participation by bird lovers from all over Singapore, residents and guests. This morning's Bird Singing Competition is indeed a great success. I would like to commend the CCMC for organising this function. I would like also to thank all the participants and the residents for being here this morning. Your presence has made this function a memorable one.

The CCMC in West Coast has been very active. Many activities have been organised to cater for the needs of the residents. The only setback is that our present community centres are housed in two small premises where the space and the facilities are limited. But this situation will change soon.

Work on our new community centre has started. And I hope we will be able to move into our new centre soon. In the new centre we will have adequate facilities to cater for the needs of most of our residents. The unique feature of our new community centre will be the beautiful roof-top garden. It can be used for various functions both for the old and the young. Perhaps we can use it to hold evening social gatherings for the senior citizens and birthday parties for the young.

My wish is that the new community centre will be fully utilised and that it will become the focal point for the residents of West Coast. We must make this a place where our residents can come to learn, to enjoy and to make friends. The success of the centre will eventually depend on the joint efforts of the CCMC, the staff and the residents.

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